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	<b>First Named Inventor</b>	Neumayr, Achim
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**PROCESS TO MANUFACTURE A CELLULOSE FIBRE FROM HYDRATE CELLULOSE**

the specification of which (Title of the Invention)

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OR  
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached?	
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197 34 239.6	Germany	08/07/1997	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<h2 style="margin: 0;">DECLARATION</h2>	<b>ADDITIONAL INVENTOR(S)</b> <b>Supplemental Sheet</b> Page <u>1</u> of <u>1</u>
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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Neumayr, Achim; Hasl, Herbert

Application No.:

Filed on:

Title: PROCESS TO MANUFACTURE A CELLULOSE FIBRE FROM HYDRATE  
CELLULOSE

**STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b)--INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

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